party politics and should receive the highest national priority. A Committee of the NDC has been set up to oversee population issues and evolve a National Population Policy.

(ii) In the Conference of Ministers incharge of Health and Family Wel fare of States/UTs held in January, 1992. there was unanimity that popu lation control is *of urgen*t national importance. The Action Plan formu lated by the Government, in close consultation with the State Govern ment, /Union Territories administra tion for giving a new thrust and dyna mism to the Family Welfare Program me was unanimously endorsed for implementation.

(iii) Population Control has been identified as one of the thrust areas in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(el Dr. Karan Singh while delivering the 25th Shri Ram Memorial Lecture on "Population: the forgotten factor" under the, auspices of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), has also [suggested setting up a 'technology mission" on population and introduction of a national movement for population control (NMPC) with immediate effect.

(d) Government's view are already indicated at part (a) and (b) above.

Statutory warning on TOBACCO products

1002. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to make "Statutory warning" compulsory to all tobacco products as is being done in the case of cigarettes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI S1DDHARTHA): (a) to (c) The matter is under consideration.

Dreg for leprosy

1003. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govern ment have refused to offer trials of a new drug for leprosy; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No Sir. The trial for new drug (Ofloxacin) in combination with other drags for treatment of leprosy has heen cleared.

(b) Does not arise.

Promotion of group B.C. and D posts in A.I.I.M.S.

1004. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have re ceived report of Career Development Committee set up in 1986 and Cadre Review Committee set up in 1990 re-garding promotion of Group B, C and D posts in AU India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; land

(c) the decision Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MENOGSTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI STOiDHARTHA): (a) to (c) The recommendations made by the Cadre Review Committee have been approved by the Standing Finance Committee aijd the Governing Body of me